

GRADES 4 - 5

J Fiction

Abbott

Sybil Ludington: Revolutionary War Rider

A fictionalized account of the sixteen-year-old girl, trained to handle a musket, who rode alone over forty miles in New York to bring out the militia before the Battle of Ridgefield.

Ali

The Thing About Jellyfish

Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.

Anderson

My Diary from the Edge of the World

Spirited, restless Gracie Lockwood, twelve, of Cliffden, Maine, living in a world where sasquatches, dragons, giants, and mermaids are common, keeps a diary of her family's journey in a used Winnebago as they seek The Extraordinary World in hopes of keeping her little brother, Sam, safe against all odds.

Angleberger

Rocket and Groot: Stranded on Planet Strip Mall

Stranded on a planet filled with dry cleaners, nail salons, and chain restaurants Rocket and Groot face killer robots bent on customer service and raccoon eating toilets.

Bertman

Book Scavenger

Just after twelve-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends.

Blakemore

Firefly Code

Mori and her friends live a normal life on Firefly Lane in Old Harmonie, a utopian community where every kid knows he or she is genetically engineered to be better and smarter, but when a strangely perfect new girl named Ilana moves in, the friends begin to question the only world they have ever known.

Bosch

Bad Luck

Clay's adventures at a magical camp continue as he befriends a new ally and faces new adversaries in his journey to find his magical talent and solve new mysteries of Price Island.

Brallier

The Last Kids on Earth

After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg.

Brown

The Wild Robot

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

Cabot

From the Notebooks of a Middle School Princess

A middle-grade spinoff of The Princess Diaries, about the long-lost sister of Mia Thermopolis, Princess of Genovia.

Carman

The Trouble with Fuzzwonker Fizz

Ten-year-old Harold, the adopted son of a food inventor, discovers that his father's latest invention, soda pop that produces the world's longest burps, also generates furry creatures known as Fizzies.

Cervantes *Allie, First at Last*

Born into a family of over-achievers, fifth-grader Allie Velasco has never finished first in anything, and lately things have been going badly: her science project is ruined by a well-meaning student, her former best friend is hanging out with another girl--but now she is determined to win the Trailblazer contest with a photographic presentation about her great grandfather, the first Congressional Medal of Honor winner from their town.

Coe *Fenway and Hattie*

An excitable Jack Russell terrier named Fenway and his Favorite Short Human, Hattie, move to the suburbs and must adjust to the changes that come with their new home.

Daneshvari *The League of Unexceptional Children*

Evanston, Virginia, twelve-year-olds Jonathan Murray and Shelley Brown are completely average and forgettable until they are recruited to help the League of Unexceptional Children save the Vice President of the United States, who has been kidnapped along with an important code.

De los Santos *Connect the Stars*

When thirteen-year-olds T.E. and Audrey meet at a wilderness camp in the desert, they think their quirks are enough to prevent them from ever having friends. But as they trek through the challenging and unforgiving landscape, they learn that they each have what it takes to make the other whole.

Fantaskey *Isabel Feeney, Star Reporter*

In the 1920s, a ten-year-old newsgirl who aspires to be a reporter at the Chicago Tribune investigates the murder of a gangster.

Goebel *Fortune Falls*

In Fortune Falls, where superstitions are real, and all children must pass regular "luck tests" to see if they are worthy, ill-fortuned Sadie has always been deemed as unlucky, and shunted aside for her luckier younger brother--but when she finds an unusually intelligent black cat named Jinx, her fortunes begin to change for the better.

Grabenstein *Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics*

Mr. Lemoncello has invited teams from all across America to compete in the first ever LIBRARY OLYMPICS...but someone is trying to censor what the kids are reading.

Gutman *The Lincoln Project*

Miss Z, a mysterious billionaire and a collector of rare photographs, is sending her four recruits back in time on a mission to capture, for the first time, one of the most important moments in American history-- Abraham Lincoln giving his famous Gettysburg address.

Katz *The Day the Mustache Took Over*

David and Nathan are twin brothers who just can't seem to keep a babysitter around for long--they've had 347 after all. Or is it 734? Either way, there's got to be someone who can handle these two. Enter: Martin Healy Discount, or 'Murray Poopins' as the boys dub him.

Kelsey *Pippa Morgan's Diary*

When Pippa tells a small lie to impress her best friend, she is entered into the school talent show even though she cannot sing at all.

Lloyd *Key to Extraordinary*

Twelve-year old orphan Emma Casey lives by a haunted graveyard in her Tennessee town, giving tours, and helping her brother and Granny Blue with the family bakery, and waiting for the destiny dream of her ancestors--but when it comes it shows her only a key, and she finds that she must solve a ghostly mystery that has haunted her town for generations.

Lord

A Handful of Stars

When her blind dog slips his collar, twelve-year old Lily meets Salma Santiago, a young Hispanic girl whose migrant family are in Maine for the blueberry-picking season, and, based partly on their mutual love of dogs, the two forge a friendship while painting bee boxes for Lily's grandfather--but as the Blueberry Queen pageant approaches Lily and Selma are confronted with some of the hard truths of prejudice and migrant life.

Nannestad

When Mischief Came to Town

When Inge Maria arrives on the tiny island of Bornholm in Denmark to live with her grandmother, she's not sure what to expect. Her grandmother is stern, the people on the island are strange, and children are supposed to be seen and not heard. But no matter how hard Inge tries to be good, mischief has a way of finding her. Could it be that a bit of mischief is exactly what Grandmother and the people of Bornholm need?

Neri

Tru and Nelle

In their small town of Monroeville, Alabama, in 1930, misfits Tru and Nelle strike up a friendship and find a mystery to solve when someone breaks into the drugstore and steals some candy and a fancy brooch.

Patterson

Jacky Ha-Ha

With her irresistible urge to tell a joke in every situation--even when she really, really shouldn't--twelve-year-old Jacky Ha-Ha loves to make people laugh. And cracking wise helps distract her from thinking about not-so-funny things in her life, like her mom serving in a dangerous, faraway war, and a dad who's hardly ever home.

But no matter how much fun Jacky has, she can't seem to escape her worries. So one starlit night, she makes a promise to keep her family together...even if she has to give up the one thing that makes her happy. But can she stop being Jacky Ha-Ha, if that's who she really is?

Reeve

Pugs of the Frozen North

New friends Sika and Shen try to beat the odds and win the Great Northern Race--in a sled pulled by a team of sixty-six pugs--in hopes of meeting the Snowfather and having him grant their wish.

Resau

The Lightning Queen

On the Hill of Dust, in the remote mountains of Mexico, an eleven-year-old Mixtec boy called Teo lives with his family and the animals that he has healed, but one day a Romany caravan rolls into town with a young girl who calls herself Esma, the Gypsy Queen of Lightning--it is the beginning of a life-long friendship that will change both their lives.

Sachar

Fuzzy Mud

Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world.

Shaughnessy

The Entirely True Story of the Unbelievable FIB

When eleven-year-old Pru and new boy ABE discover another world beneath their quiet town, where Viking gods lurk just out of sight, they must race to secure the Eye of Odin, source of all knowledge--and the key to stopping a war that could destroy both human and immortal realms.

Shurtliff

Red: The True Story of Red Riding Hood

Followed by a wolf, a huntsman, and a porridge-sampling nuisance called Goldie, Red embarks on a quest to find a magical cure for her ailing grandmother.

Spratt

Friday Barnes, Girl Detective

A genius girl detective discovers her ultra exclusive boarding school is a hotbed of crime, from missing homework and stolen lemon tarts to a mysterious yeti haunting the school swamp.

Tyre *Last in a Long Line of Rebels*
 When the city of Zollicoffer, Tennessee, where her family lives, announces plans to seize their one hundred seventy-five year old house through eminent domain, twelve-year-old Louise Mayhew needs to come up with a way to save it--and her ancestor's Civil War diary linking the house to the Underground Railroad, as well as a hidden treasure, seem to offer her family the best chance of saving their home.

Vernon *Hamster Princess: Of Mice and Magic*
 Harriet Hamsterbone sets out to reverse the curse on twelve mice princesses who are forced to dance all night, every night.

Wetzel *Playing Juliet*
 Beth Sondquist, age twelve and a half, dreams of playing the part of Juliet. But all her hopes for an acting career come crashing down when the Oakfield Children's Theater is slated to be closed.

J Fiction/Fantasy

Richards *Secrets of Valhalla*
 Two friends awaken a world of myth and magic in this clever middle grade fantasy perfect for fans of Rick Riordan and Anne Ursu. It's not every day that you find a famous weatherwoman bound by magic to a tree deep in the woods. Or discover that the weatherwoman is in fact Sunna, the Norse Goddess of the Sun, and one of the seven day guardians who keep time in order. But that's just what happens to new friends Buzz and Mary--and it's only the start of their adventure. Now, as the people of Earth are forced to repeat the same Saturday over and over again, Buzz and Mary must journey to collect the Runes of Valhalla and awaken the other day guardians, before vengeful god Loki can get to them first.

J Graphic Novels

J GRAPHIC Corona *Feathers*
 J GRAPHIC Hale *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: The Underground Abductor*
 J GRAPHIC Hale *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: Alamo All-Stars*
 J GRAPHIC Simpson *Unicorn vs. Goblins*
 J GRAPHIC Smiley *Upside Down: A Hat Full of Spells*
 J GRAPHIC Winick *Hilo the Boy Who Crashed to Earth*
 J GRAPHIC Yang *Secret Coders*

Non-Fiction

J 031 Five *5,000 Awesome Facts (About Everything!) 2*
 J 031 Swanson *National Geographic Kids Brain Games: The Mind-Blowing Science of Your Amazing Brain*
 J 523.43 Aldrin *Welcome to Mars: Making Home on the Red Planet*
 J 551.2 Winchester *When the Earth Shakes: Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Tsunamis*
 J 590.9 Moberg *Historical Animals: The Dogs, Cats, Horses, Snakes, Goats, Rats, Dragons, Bears, Elephants, Rabbits, and Other Creatures that Changed the World*
 J 594.56 Montgomery *The Octopus Scientists*
 J 595.799 Wilcox *What's the Buzz?: Keeping Bees in Flight*
 J 600 Kespert *Genius!: The Most Astonishing Inventions of All Time*
 J 646.2 Ware *Sew Fab: Sewing and Style for Young Fashionistas*
 J 910 Craft *The Travel Book: A Journey Through Every Country of the World*

J 910.4 Grove	<i>First Flight Around the World: The Adventures of the American Fliers Who Won the Race</i>
J 919.89 Gill	<i>Shackleton's Journey</i>
J 930.1 Nelson	<i>Historium</i>
J 937.7 Chrisp	<i>Explore 360° Pompeii</i>
J 948.022 Thompson	<i>Guts & Glory: The Vikings</i>

J Biography

J BIO BERGH Furstinger	<i>Mercy: The Incredible Story of Henry Bergh, Founder of the ASPCA and Friend to Animals</i>
J BIO SITTING BULL Nelson	<i>Sitting Bull: Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People</i>